THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have leased capacity of ARABSAT-1B and STATITONAR-13 satellites and allocated use of five transponders on the former and one on the latter to Doordarshan for distribution of TV programmes.

Guidelines for Fixing the length of National Highways

1886. DR. NARREDDY THULASY REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any formulae or guidelines for fixing the length of national highways in a particular state; and

(b) if so, whether such guidelines are followed in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHANGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) There is no formula for fixing the length of National Highways in a particular State. However, roads are declared as National Highways keeping in view the following besides the availability of resources:

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and advancement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) While declaring National Highways, these guidelines are followed.

National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1887. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:
DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh have sent proposals for the inclusion of roads into national highways;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government propose to accept the proposals if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) During the Seventh Plan, the State Government had projected ten State Roads for inclusion in the NH system as detailed in Statement B/F below) out of which Nizamabad Jagdalpur road has already been declared as National Highway. Inclusion of remaining roads in the NR network during the Eighth Plan period would depend upon the availability of resources and also the *inter-se* priority of various